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PLEASE PASS TO AMB PAUL C. WARNKE

1. CHALMERS M. ROBERTS IN WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE ENTITLED
"IN SEARCH OF DOCTRINE TO FIT IDEAS" DISCUSSED DOCUMENTS
THAT HAVE EMERGED OVER YEARS "FROM GOVERNMENT MILL UNDER
VARIOUS LABELS -- NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL PAPERS, NATIONAL
SECURITY MEMORANDA AND SO ON. NOW IT'S PRMS: PRESIDENTIAL
REVIEW MEMORANDA." TWENTY YEARS AGO, ROBERTS RECALLED,
HENRY KISSINGER WROTE THAT "BASIC REQUIREMENT FOR AMERICAN
SECURITY IS DOCTRINE WHICH WILL ENAOLE US TO ACT PURPOSE-
FULLY IN FACE OF CHALLENGES WHICH WILL INEVITABLY CONFRONT
US". ROBERTS SAID "ONCE AGAIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IS IN
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SEARCH OF DOCTRINE AND ONCE AGAIN PRESIDENT'S DISPARATE
IDEAS AND IMPULSES ARE BEING TOUTED AS CONCEPTUAL WHOLE."
PROCESS WE KNOW TODAY HAS RUN THROUGH SIX PREVIOUS ADMINIS-
TRATIONS, ROBERTS POINTED OUT, BEGINNING WITH NSC-68, WHICH
WAS WORKED OUT IN 1950. "CHIEF STATE DEPARTMENT ARCHITECT
OF NSC-68 WAS PAUL NITZE, SAME MAN WHO NOW THROWS VERBAL
THUNDERBOLTS AT WHAT HE CONSIDERS WRONGHEADEDNESS OF PAUL

WARNKE AND OTHERS WHO VARY FROM HIS OWN ASSESSMENT," ROBERTS NOTED. PRM-10, "SAID TO BE 'NET ASSESSMENT' OF GLOBAL BALANCE OF POWER, IS DESIGNED, IT APPEARS, TO GIVE PROPER BACKDROP TO DECISION MAKING BY PRESIDENT CARTER," ROBERTS CONTINUED. "IT MUST BE SOME SORT OF OCCUPATIONAL HAZARD FOR THOSE WHITE HOUSE NATIONAL SECURITY TYPES TO SEARCH OUT GRAND DESIGNS INTO WHICH IT ALL FITS.... I AM NOT SUGGESTING THAT SKULL SESSIONS AT NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL ARE WORTHLESS, ALTHOUGH SOME OF THEM HAVE BEEN FRIGHTFULLY WRONG. SO OFTEN MUCH DEPENDS ON HOW ONE INTERPRETS UNCERTAIN INTELLIGENCE ABOUT, SAY, SOVIET MISSILERY OR CIVIL DEFENSE. ROBERTS CITED RELEVANCE IN EACH ADMINISTRATION OF ITS ASSESSMENT, IN WHATEVER NSC PAPER IS CALLED OR NUMBERED, OF SOVIET THREAT. THAT QUESTION NOW IS BEFORE CARTER ADMINISTRATION, HE SAID, AND AS BEFORE, THERE ARE STRONG DIFFERENCES OF OPINION. "CIRCUMSTANCES, BALANCE OF ARMS AND HOST OF OTHER FACTORS CHANGE CONSTANTLY BUT KREMLIN REMAINS ENIGMA TO MOST OF US.... YES, ASSESS, PLAN, CONCEPTUALIZE -- BUT NEVER ASSUME YOU HAVE ANSWER. OR THAT PRESIDENT DOES, EITHER."

2. MOHAN RAM IN SPECIAL DISPATCH TO CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR FROM NEW DELHI REPORTED THAT INDIA "HAS MADE KEY CONCESSION TO PRESIDENT CARTER ON NUCLEAR POWER, THEREBY REMOVING THREE-YEAR-OLD IRRITANT IN ITS RELATIONS WITH U.S." RAM SAID INDIA WILL NOT CARRY OUT ANOTHER NUCLEAR UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPLOSION FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES, BECAUSE IT DOES NOT DEEM THIS NECESSARY. "KEY POLICY STATEMENT BY PRIME MINISTER MORARJI DESAI JULY 13 COINCIDED WITH ARRIVAL IN INDIA OF 12 METRIC TONS OF ENRICHED URANIUM FOR TARAPUR ATOMIC PLANT WHICH WAS HITHERTO WITHHELD BY U.S.," RAM REPORTED.

3. D. R. COTTER IN LETTER TO WASHINGTON POST JULY 20 TOOK EXCEPTION TO POST EDITORIAL ALLEGATION THAT PENTAGON HAD "HIDDEN" IN ERDA BUDGET FUNDS FOR LANCE NEUTRON WARHEAD. "FIRST," COTTER SAID, "NUCLEAR WEAPON DEVELOPMENTS, IN RESPONSE TO DEFENSE DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS, ARE RESPONSIBILITY OF ERDA. ERDA IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO FUND THESE WEAPON DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION WOULD BE FOUND IN ERDA BUDGET. SECOND, DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, IN RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC LAW 93-365, DATED AUG. 5, 1974, REPORTED TO CONGRESS ON SEVERAL MAJOR QUESTIONS REGARDING NUCLEAR POSTURE IN EUROPE. TWO REPORTS, ENTITLED 'THEATER NUCLEAR FORCE POSTURE IN EUROPE,' WERE MADE: CLASSIFIED VERSION ON APRIL 4, 1975, AND UNCLASSIFIED VERSION ON MAY 2, 1975. REPORTS WERE PROVIDED SPECIFICALLY TO SENATE COMMITTEES ON ARMED SERVICES AND FOREIGN RELATIONS, AND JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY. LATTER VERSION WAS

PUBLICLY AVAILABLE AND WAS REQUESTED BY AND FORWARDED TO
MANY MEMBERS OF PRESS."

4. IN LETTER TO NEW YORK TIMES, UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
PROFESSOR ERNEST J. STERNGLASS SAID "PROMISE OF 'CITY
SAVING' NEUTRON BOMBS, QUITE ASIDE FROM ITS MORAL REPUG-
NANCE, IS NOTHING BUT CRUEL DECEPTION THAT CANNOT HOPE TO
SAVE EITHER OUR POPULATION OR THAT OF OUR ALLIES AND
NEUTRAL NATIONS ALL OVER GLOBE FROM BIOLOGICAL DESTRUCTION
IF NUCLEAR WEAPONS OF ANY SIZE ARE EVER USED ON LARGE
SCALE." STERNGLASS, PROFESSOR OF RADIOLOGICAL PHYSICS,
SAID PROPONENTS OF NEUTRON WEAPON HAVE BEEN CAREFUL TO
CONCEAL FACT THAT TOTAL AMOUNT OF DEADLY FALLOUT SPREADING
OVER POPULATED AREAS HAS ACTUALLY BEEN VASTLY INCREASED BY
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WEAPON'S DESIGN. "REASON IS THAT SAME FLASH OF NEUTRONS
THAT KILLS BY ITS DIRECT ACTION ON CELL WALLS OF CRITICAL
ORGANS ALSO CAUSES ATOMS IN SURROUNDING AIR AND SOIL TO
BECOME RADIOACTIVE, THEREBY GREATLY ENHANCING OVER-ALL
AMOUNT OF DEADLY RADIOACTIVITY IN MUSHROOM CLOUD THAT PRO-
CEEDS TO DRIFT AROUND GLOBE WITH PREVAILING WESTERLY
WINDS," STERNGLASS EXPLAINED.

5. RECENT ARTICLE IN NEW YORK TIMES BY GERARD C. SMITH
WAS BASIS OF OP-ED PAGE PIECE IN JULY 19 LOS ANGELES TIMES
EDITORIAL WRITER ERNEST CONINE, ENTITLED "RATTLING OF ARMS
-- AND OF NERVES." CONINE POINTED OUT THAT SMITH GAVE
PRESIDENT "SOME FREE ADVICE ON DEALING WITH RUSSIANS --
ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO SALT. SMITH, WRITING IN NEW
YORK TIMES, SUBMITTED TEN-POINT LIST OF DO'S AND DON'TS.
BUT HIS TWO FUNDAMENTAL SUGGESTIONS WERE (1) DON'T LUST
FOR SUMMIT, AND (2) BE PATIENT -- DON'T EXPECT QUICK RE-
SULTS. THAT WAS FIVE MONTHS AGO, BUT ADVICE IS EVEN
MORE PERTINENT NOW. SMITH, WHOM CARTER RECENTLY NAMED
TO HEAD ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS TO STAVE OFF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS PROLIFERATION AMONG THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, WAS
CHIEF U.S. NEGOTIATOR IN SALT ONE. SMITH, WHO IS CON-
SIDERED DOVE AMONG ARMS CONTROL EXPERTS, BELIEVES DEEPLY
IN IMPORTANCE OF ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS. BUT HE WARNS
THAT ANY PRESIDENT SHOULD APPROACH SUCH TALKS WITH HIS
EYES WIDE OPEN -- AND WITH APPROPRIATE RESPECT FOR LESSONS
LEARNED FROM EXPERIENCE. SOVIET PRESIDENT LEONID I.
BRZHNEV HAS LABELED CARTER'S PROPOSALS FOR ACTUAL RE-
DUCTIONS IN EACH SIDE'S NUCLEAR ARSENALS, COUPLED WITH
BARRIERS TO FUTURE TESTING AND DEPLOYMENT OF NEW WEAPONS,
AS OUTRAGEOUSLY ONE-SIDED. THIS ISN'T TRUE. BUT RUSSIANS
APPARENTLY FIGURE THAT IF THEY MAKE POINT LONG ENOUGH AND
LOUDLY ENOUGH, PEOPLE WILL BELIEVE IT AND CARTER CAN BE
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PRESSURED INTO ACCEPTING AGREEMENT LOADED IN FAVOR OF MOSCOW.... MOST IMPORTANTLY OF ALL, POTENTIALLY, IS WAY SOVIET UNION SEEKS TO EXPLOIT FACT THAT, FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL REASONS, AMERICAN PRESIDENTS SAVOR GLAMOROUS SUMMIT MEETINGS THAT ENHANCE THEIR CREDENTIALS AS PROBLEM-SOLVING MEN OF PEACE. AT SAME TIME, ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS HAVE COME TO BE REGARDED AS SORT OF LITMUS TEST FOR SUCCESSFUL MANAGEMENT OF U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS. ONE RESULT IS THAT PRESIDENTS ARE STRONGLY TEMPTED TO PAINT BRIGHTER PICTURE OF PROSPECTS FOR ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT THAN ACTUALLY EXIST. HARKING BACK TO HIS EXPERIENCE IN NIXON ADMINISTRATION, SMITH SAYS 'SERIOUS NEGOTIATING ADVANTAGE WAS GIVEN TO SOVIETS... WHENEVER WHITE HOUSE PUT OUT OPTIMISTIC PREDICTIONS ABOUT SALT PROSPECTS. GENERATING EXPECTATIONS OF AGREEMENTS DOES NOT ADD TO BARGAINING POWER FOR YOUR SIDE.' MORE SERIOUS IS POSSIBILITY THAT PRESIDENT MAY WANT SUMMIT SO BADLY THAT, AFTER BEING KEPT ON HOOK FOR TIME, HE CAN BE BROUGHT TO MAKE UNWISE CONCESSIONS IN ORDER TO GET IT. THIS HAPPENED IN 1972 WHEN RICHARD NIXON'S POLITICAL NEEDS LED HIM TO ACCEPT VAGUE LANGUAGE IN SALT ONE AGREEMENT THAT SO OBVIOUSLY INVITED RUSSIAN CHEATING OR CIRCUMVENTION THAT IT STARTLED AND ALARMED ARMS CONTROL PROFESSIONALS WHEN THEY FINALLY SAW IT. BREZHNEV, WHO RECENTLY MADE IT PLAIN THAT HE WON'T ACCEPT CARTER'S PROPOSAL FOR EARLY SUMMIT MEETING UNLESS AGREEMENT IS IMMINENT ON NEW ARMS LIMITATION PACT, OBVIOUSLY IS TRYING SAME PLOY WITH CARTER. CARTER ISN'T NIXON, BUT HE MAY NOT BE INVULNERABLE TO SOVIET STRATEGY" VANCE

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